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THE PEOPLE'S LIBRARY.
The interviews which are published elsewhere with regard to the management of the Carnegie Library, in Allegheny, advocate the proper course to be adopted, beyond question. It is not necessary to insist on any particular form of organization in order to secure the highest utility for that beautiful and valuable benefaction; but it is necessary to observe certain guiding principles. The control of the library must be kept entirely out of the hands of the public, and the management of the library must be in the hands of a body of men, who, by their selection, will insure the highest utility of the library.

The importance of carefully observing these rules is fully shown in the interview with Mr. Scott. The value to the institution, of a management which will insure confidence on the part of donors of literary and art treasures, is almost infinite. The importance of the work which, within the next three or four years, will determine the character of the library is of no less magnitude. Finally the unquestionably false policy of subjecting the gift of private munificence for the public benefit, to the hands and squabbles of municipal politicians, and the policy of discrediting further public endowments of that most commendable class.

Our friends of the Allegheny Councils will doubtless perceive upon full consideration that the only way to place the popular interest in this matter is to serve the library under such control as will secure its greatest utility to the people, and thus to carry out most completely the purpose of its donor.

THE CABLE ROAD STRIKE.
The ordering of a strike on the Pittsburgh Traction Road yesterday, brings a dispute, which has a somewhat indefinite beginning, to the arbitration of the last resort in industrial quarrels. We call the beginning an indefinite one, because the dispute has not been referred to the arbitration of the last resort, but it is a fact that the strike has been ordered, and the men claim that the arbitration of the last resort is a mere formality, and that the strike will be maintained until the men are satisfied with the result.

DEGREES WITHOUT HONOR.
Honorary degrees have been showered upon worthy and unworthy men by our colleges in such reckless and promiscuous fashion that it is no longer possible to attach any value to the degree. The degree is now a mere piece of paper, and the man who receives it is no more honored than the man who does not receive it.

NOT A CREDITABLE COURSE.
Unless a recently published interview with the United States District Attorney at Indianapolis, is gross fabrication, the position taken, presumably by the agent of the administration, concerning Dudley's famous "black-oil" letter, is no discredit to the man who wrote it. It is a credit to the man who wrote it, and it is a credit to the man who published it.

HOW YE SHALL KNOW THEM.
The secret is out. The secret of the superlative grace which gives a human being the name of a New York four-hundred, is out. In an unguarded moment, the man who is known as a four-hundred, has let the cat out of the bag, and the secret is out.

LAW AND ITS ENFORCEMENT.
The comments of the press on the proclamation of Governor Goodell, of New Hampshire, in the enforcement of the prohibition, show a good deal of uniformity. The effect of the proclamation is to show a good deal of uniformity.

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